From: tim.wallace@flhealth gov Goff Kendra; Maher Jim To:

Strong Greg; Kennedy Gracie; Parks Taylor; Azcuy Chris; Foote Joe; Duff Paul; elke.ursin@flhealth.gov; Dale Michelle L; Badeaux Alexandra K; Wade Tracy L; andrea.ables@flhealth.gov; Vallone Gina; Eychaner Robin L; travis.morris@flhealth.gov; Boyd Marquena A; Wilson Daphne; Cc:

Subject: RE: Another Mold in Prison Complaint....FW: Rhonda Ann Fleming

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:55:34 AM

Thanks Kendra!

The Florida Department of Health does not have authority to inspect or regulate mold, leaks or other physical housing conditions in Federal correctional institutions. I will follow up with Ms. Fleming to suggest that she direct her complaints with US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons and/or their Office of the Inspector General.

https://www.usa.gov/prisons#item-36657

File a Complaint About a Federal Prison

To submit a complaint about a federal prison:

- 1. File a formal complaint directly with the <u>facility</u>.
- 2. File a complaint with the **BOP** Regional Office that oversees the facility.
- 3. Contact BOP Headquarters or the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, which oversees the BOP.

Give the complaint a reasonable amount of time to progress before going on to the next step. Qualified legal advice, as always, remains an option.

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BOP: Contact Us (webpage)

Federal Bureau of Prisons 320 First St., NW

Washington, DC 20534 Phone: (202) 307-3198

Hotline | U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Submitting a Complaint | U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General

Sincerely,

Tim

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The 2020 Florida Statutes

Title X - PUBLIC OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND RECORDS

Chapter 119 - PUBLIC RECORDS

119.0712 Executive branch agency-specific exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.—

(1) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.—All personal identifying information contained in records relating to an individual's personal health or eligibility for health-related services held by the Department of Health is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

----Original Message-----

From: Goff, Kendra < Kendra.Goff@FloridaDEP.gov> Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 1:17 PM

To: Maher, Jim < Jim.Maher@dep.state.fl.us>

Cc: Strong, Greg <Greg.Strong@FloridaDEP.gov>; Kennedy, Gracie <Gracie.Kennedy@FloridaDEP.gov>; Parks, Taylor <Taylor.Parks@FloridaDEP.gov>; Azcuy, Chris <Chris.Azcuy@FloridaDEP.gov>; Foote, Joe <Joe.Foote@floridadep.gov>; Duff, Paul <Paul.Duff@FloridaDEP.gov>; Wallace, Tim <Tim.Wallace@flhealth.gov>; Ursin, Elke <Elke.Ursin@flhealth.gov> Subject: RE: Another Mold in Prison Complaint....FW: Rhonda Ann Fleming

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Hi Jim

To my understanding, there is no state agency that has funding resources to remediate mold issues. I am copying Tim Wallace at the central office/state health office DOH who may have further insight as he takes public health calls from folks that are concerned about indoor air issues. I have further copied his section lead, Elke Ursin.

Kendra

Kendra F. Goff, PhD, DABT, CPM, CEHP

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Resource Management Deputy Director Kendra.Goff@FloridaDEP.gov

Office: 850-245-8656 Mobile (b)(6)(b)(6)

----Original Message-----

From: Maher, Jim < <u>Jim.Maher@dep.state.fl.us</u>> Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:52 PM To: Goff, Kendra < <u>Kendra.Goff@FloridaDEP.gov</u>>

Cc: Strong, Greg < Greg.Strong@FloridaDEP.gov>; Kennedy, Gracie < Gracie.Kennedy@FloridaDEP.gov>; Parks, Taylor < Taylor.Parks@FloridaDEP.gov>; Azcuy, Chris < Chris.Azcuy@FloridaDEP.gov>; Foote, Joe < Joe.Foote@floridadep.gov>; Duff, Paul < Paul.Duff@FloridaDEP.gov>

Subject: FW: Another Mold in Prison Complaint....FW: Rhonda Ann Fleming

Hi Kendra.

Please see this EJ ask below. It addresses Mold in FL Prisons. Is this something DOH addresses? Might you have a contact? Thanks!

Jim

----Original Message-----From: Wilson, Daphne

Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 7:23 PM
To: Maher, Jim < Jim.Maher@dep.state.fl.us >

Subject: FW: Another Mold in Prison Complaint....FW: Rhonda Ann Fleming

Hey Jim,

I recently received this complaint and wanted your assistance and want to know who best would handle this type of complaint? Do you have time to discuss on Monday? My schedule is pretty open before 1 and after 3.

Thanks,

Daphne Wilson | Environmental Engineer |

Office of the Regional Administrator | Strategic Programs Office | Environmental Justice and Children's Health Section | U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency | 61 Forsyth Street, SW | Atlanta, GA 30303

Voice: 404-562-9098 | Email: wilson.daphne@epa.gov Give a hoot . . . don't pollute!

----Original Message-----

From: Thomas-Burton, Tami < Thomas-Burton.Tami@epa.gov >

Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 7:54 AM
To: Wilson, Daphne < <u>Wilson, Daphne@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Good, Sheryl < Good. Sheryl@epa.gov >; Holtzclaw, Brian < Holtzclaw.Brian@epa.gov >

Subject: Another Mold in Prison Complaint....FW: Rhonda Ann Fleming

Good Morning Daphne,

Here's another email concerning "Mold" in the Prison (Federally Facility).Please couple this with the current grouping as you proceed with reaching out to LCRD. Thanks, Tami

----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)(b)(

Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:52 PM

To: Thomas-Burton, Tami < Thomas-Burton.Tami@epa.gov>

Subject: Rhonda Ann Fleming

Ms. Thomas-Burton,

your agency condemned several housing units at FCI-Tallahassee in Florida, a federal women's prison. The current warden has placed inmates back in housing units with toxic mold. We have been locked in these units 24/7, becoming progressively more ill, while the federal prison system has been on a nationwide lockdown due to the pandemic.

I have mail going out to the John Blevins, Carol Kemker, and Leif Palmer with the EPA for this region. I know you are familiar with what each individual does with the EPA. I am doing my best to raise the alarm about mold illness at this prison. Obviously, if your inspector told the warden to close down certain units, the levels of toxicity were high.

It has been raining for the past 3 days, and yes, the roofs are leaking over our heads, and that is why there is such a high level of toxic mold.

If Environmental Justice is real, surely for people of least value, inmates, we deserve enforcement and compliance with your orders to the federal prison officials. (b)(6)(

Sincerely,

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